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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Lisa Hashem

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 March 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3-25 and 27-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3-25, and 27-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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FINAL DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

2. Claims 1, 10, 18, and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Claim 1 claims the following limitation '**...the regulator being powered by the first voltage signal...**'. Claim 10 claims the following limitation '**...the voltage regulator is powered by the signal generating source...**'. Claim 18 claims the following limitation '**...the regulator being powered by the signal generating source...**'. Claim 25 claims the following limitations '**...supplying power to a regulator...**' and '**...the regulator receiving power from said detection signal...**'.

Section 0024 of the claimed invention discloses '**...As shown, a detection signal (e.g., a voltage signal from source 22) from radio receiver 20 is applied to RF choke 40. The DC signal passes through RF choke 42 where it is fed back to radio receiver 20 through the terrestrial RF out 15b. Capacitors 44a and 44b are DC blocking capacitors. In this case, the voltage signal that is passed from the satellite 'RF out' 15a to the terrestrial 'RF out' 15b of LNA module 14 is unregulated...**'. Section 0025 of the claimed invention discloses '**...Figure 2 also shows**

voltage regulator 46, which provides a regulated DC voltage signal to the two LNAs 14a, 14b, based on the applied voltage signal from receiver 20. Each LNA 14a, 14b is preferably powered by this regulated voltage.... Section 0029 of the claimed invention further discloses '...in Figure 4, the output of regulator 46 is looped back to radio receiver 20 via path 25a. Thus, as can be readily appreciated by those skilled in the art, not only can the loop-back circuit of the present invention be used to determine whether two antennae are connected to a radio receiver, but the inventive circuit can also be used to detect whether LNA module 14 is connected and/or whether the LNA module's voltage regulator is generating an output signal...'

The regulator being powered by the first voltage signal or the signal generating source, the regulator receiving power from said detection signal, and the regulator powered by the signal generating source are not mentioned in the claimed invention. The LNAs (14a, 14b) being powered by the regulated voltage provided by the voltage regulator is only disclosed in the claimed invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. The term "being powered by" in claims 1 and 18 is a relative term which renders the claim indefinite. The term "being powered" is not defined by the claim, the specification does not provide a standard for ascertaining the requisite degree, and one of ordinary skill in the art would not be reasonably apprised of the scope of the invention. Please the claim rejections under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112.

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5. The term "is powered by" in claim 10 is a relative term which renders the claim indefinite. The term "is powered by" is not defined by the claim, the specification does not provide a standard for ascertaining the requisite degree, and one of ordinary skill in the art would not be reasonably apprised of the scope of the invention. Please the claim rejections under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112.

6. The term "supplying power to" in claim 25 is a relative term which renders the claim indefinite. The term " supplying power to" is not defined by the claim, the specification does not provide a standard for ascertaining the requisite degree, and one of ordinary skill in the art would not be reasonably apprised of the scope of the invention. Please the claim rejections under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112.

7. The term "receiving power from" in claim 25 is a relative term which renders the claim indefinite. The term " receiving power from " is not defined by the claim, the specification does not provide a standard for ascertaining the requisite degree, and one of ordinary skill in the art would not be reasonably apprised of the scope of the invention. Please the claim rejections under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112.

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Response to Amendment

8. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 3-25, and 27-29, have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

9. Accordingly, this action is **FINAL**.

Conclusion

10. A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

11. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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Or faxed to:

(703) 872-9306 (for formal communications intended for entry)

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12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lisa Hashem whose telephone number is (571) 272-7542. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang can be reached on (571) 272-7547. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

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